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TITLE: DEVICE FOR HOLDING MULTIPLE BEVERAGE CONTAINERS

AMENDMENT "B"

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Sir:

In response to the Office Action of April 7, 2005, having a response being due by July 7, 2005, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

Amendment B: CLAIM AMENDMENTS

Please cancel Claims 21 - 25 and substitute Claims 26 - 29 therefor as follows:

Claims 1 - 20 (canceled by an earlier amendment).

Claims 21 - 25 (canceled herein).

26. (new) A beverage holding device comprising:

a panel having a peripheral edge, said panel having at least four slots opening at a curved front edge, each of the slots extending inwardly from said front edge, each of the slots having a generally C-shaped configuration, each of the slots having an opening at said front edge having a width that is less than a diameter of said slot inwardly of said opening, said front edge being